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SUBJ: NAVAJO AIR ACCIDENT

1. AMBASSADOR AND USAID DEPUTY DIRECTOR BOTH HAVE RECEIVED A LETTER FROM PRESIDENT OF PHILAIR DATED 26 SEPTEMBER 1976. TEXT OF BOTH LETTERS AS FOLLOWS:

"RE: RP-769 NAVAJO ACCIDENT

DEAR SIR: WE HAVE THE HONOR TO INVITE YOUR GOODSELF OR YOUR DULY DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE FOR A CONFERENCE TO CONSIDER AND DISCUSS THE COMPANY'S INSURANCE POLICY RELATING TO THE REFERENCED UNFORTUNATE MISHAP, AS WELL AS SUCH OTHER PERTINENT MATTERS WHICH YOUR GOODSELF MAY WISH TO CLARIFY WITH US. PARAGRAPH. WE WILL BE READY AND AVAILABLE TO CONFER WITH YOUR GOODSELVES ON ANY TIME, PLACE AND DATE AT YOUR CONVENIENCE. PARAGRAPH. WE WILL ALSO HIGHLY APPRECIATE IF YOU COULD EXTEND THIS INVITATION TO THE RELATIVES OF THE DECEASED. PARAGRAPH. ASSURING YOUR GOODSELF OF OUR CONTINUED ASSISTANCE AND FULL COOPERATION ON THIS MATTER WE REMAIN. VERY TRULY YOURS, PHILIPPINE AVIATION CORPORATION (SGD.) ROLANDO P. MOSCARDON, PRESIDENT.

2. EMBASSIES OF JAPAN AND GERMANY HAVE RECEIVED SIMILAR LETTERS.

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UPON REQUEST OF GERMAN EMBASSY MEETING WAS HELD 9/29 AT USAID TO

DISCUSS POSSIBLE RESPONSES. ALL PARTIES AGREED THERE IS LITTLE EMBASSIES COULD DO AT PRESENT TIME SINCE SURVIVORS HAVE EITHER LEFT OR ARE IN THE PROCESS OF LEAVING MANILA. SINCE SURVIVING NEXT OF KIN ARE THE REAL PARTIES IN INTEREST AS CLAIMANTS AGAINST PHILAIR OR BENEFICIARIES OF ANY INSURANCE, THEIR VIEWS AND DESIRES MUST GOVERN.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE STATE/AID/TREASURY TRANSMITTING TEXT OF PARA 1 LETTER TO NEXT OF KIN AND COORDINATING ANY RESPONSE. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE ANY STATE/AID/TREASURY ADVICE ON HANDLING THIS MATTER.

4. USAID HAS BEEN INFORMALLY ADVISED BY PRESIDENT OF PHILAIR THAT PHILAIR HAS INSURANCE COVERAGE OF PESOS 200,000 PER PASSENGER. THIS ADVICE WAS NOT REPEAT NOT TRANSMITTED FORMALLY AND IS NOT TO BE CONSTRUED IN ANY WAY AS AN OFFER OF SETTLEMENT. FYI: PHIL CAB CHARTER REGS REQUIRE ONLY PESOS 20,000 PER PASSENGER LIABILITY INSURANCE BUT APPEARS PHILAIR MAY HAVE HIGHER COVERAGE. END FYI.

5. EMBASSY/USAID NOT INTENDING TO RESPOND TO SUBSTANCE OF THESE LETTERS AT THIS TIME UNTIL WE HAVE RECEIVED ADVICE FROM WASHINGTON INCLUDING VIEWS OF SURVIVORS. GERMAN AND JAPANESE EMBASSIES ALSO NOT RESPONDING TO SUBSTANCE OF LETTER UNTIL THEY HAVE CONFERRED WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS AND SURVIVING NEXT OF KIN.
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